

CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROJECT WORK FLOW OVERVIEW

(black: statute, plum: statute ref., green: task complete, gold: task in process, red: action due, blue: future action)

Project Scope:

- 1) ESSHB 1688 directed the creation of a Certificate of Need (CON) Task Force (TF) to study and prepare recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature related to improving and updating the Certificate of Need Program as described in Chapter 70.38 RCW. [Section 2.1]
- 2) The desired outcome from the work of the TF is the development of recommendations on a strategy design which will:
 - i) Promote the improvement of the quality/outcomes of health care delivered in the state,
 - ii) Control the cost of health care delivered in the state, and
 - iii) Monitor the outcomes from/as a result of a revised state health planning and development process.

Project Principles:

- 1) In conducting the CON study and preparing recommendations, the TF was instructed to be guided by the following principles: [Section 3.1.a-d]
 - a) The supply of a health service can have a substantial impact on utilization;
 - b) Health care resources are not unlimited;
 - c) The likelihood that a requested new health facility, service, or equipment will improve health care quality and outcomes must be considered; and
 - d) It is generally presumed that the services and facilities currently subject to certificate of need should remain subject to those requirements.

Project Deliverables:

- 1) At a minimum, examine and develop recommendations related to the following issues:
 - a) Purpose and goals of the current Certificate of Need Program [Section 3.2.b]
 - b) Criteria for review of Certificate of Need applications [Section 3.2.d]
 - c) Scope that should be subject to Certificate of Need review [Section 3.2.c]
 - d) Need for a new and regularly updated set of service and facility specific policies [Section 3.2.a]
 - e) Mechanisms to monitor ongoing compliance [Section 3.2.f]
 - f) Timeliness, consistency, and effectiveness of CON reviews and decisions [Section 3.2.e]

CON PROCESS STATUS

PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TASK FORCE	TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Purpose and goals [sect 3.2.b]	Discussed but needs to be voted on at March 29 th meeting	Completed and submitted to TF at Jan 3 rd meeting
Criteria for review of CON [sect 3.2.d]	Discussed but needs to be voted on at March 29 th meeting	Completed and submitted to TF at Jan 3 rd meeting
Scope [sect 3.2.c]	Discuss and vote on at March 29 th meeting	Completed for submission to TF at March 29 th meeting
New and updated set of service and facility policies [sect 3.2.a]	Discuss and vote on at March 29 th meeting	In process, with partial submission to TF at March 29 th meeting
Mechanisms to monitor compliance [sect 3.2.f]	May 3 rd meeting	April 16 th meeting.
Additional information from TAC if needed by TF	June 14 th conference call	May 25 th meeting, if needed
Timeliness, consistency, effectiveness of CON reviews [sect 3.2.e]	June 28 th meeting – with receipt of JLARC report	
Review and finalize report(s)	Sept 20 th meeting	
Final report –Gov (Oct), Legislature (Nov 1 st)		